

United Farmers of Canada
Saskatchewan Section
Limited



Constitution
and
By-Laws

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United Farmers of Canada Saskatchewan Section Limited

(Incorporated by Special Act of the Legislature of Saskatchewan, being Chapter 84 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1927 Session.)

Bylaws

The Association shall consist of all its charter members and all others who may become members thereof, and shall be called United Farmers of Canada Saskatchewan Section Limited.

Interpretation

In the construction of these bylaws the following expressions shall where the context admits have the following meanings:

(1) "The Association" shall mean United Farmers of Canada Saskatchewan Section Limited.

(2) "The Central Convention" shall mean the duly appointed officers and elected delegates of the Association in meeting assembled as provided for under Article III. hereof.

(3) "Annual District Meeting" shall mean a meeting of district delegates, district executive, district director and such members of the Central Executive as may be present, as provided for in Article IV. hereof.

(4) "District Convention" shall mean Annual District Meeting.

(5) "Local Lodge" shall mean any local lodge of the Association organized under the provisions of these bylaws and receiving a warrant of authority from the Board of Directors under the hands of the President and Secretary, and the seal of the Association as provided for under Article X. hereof.

(6) The expressions "The Directors" or "The Board" shall mean respectively the Directors and the Board of Directors of the Association,

(7) The expression "The Executive" shall mean the executive committee of the Board.

(8) "President," "Secretary" and "Secretary-Treasurer" shall mean respectively the President, the Secretary and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

(9) "Local President," "Local Secretary" and "Local Secretary-Treasurer" shall mean respectively the President, the Secretary or the Secretary-Treasurer of any local Lodge of the Association.

(10) Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and words importing the plural number shall include the singular number.

(11) The Head Office of the Organization has been permanently located at Saskatoon.

ARTICLE I.

Objects of the Association

Sec. 1.— The objects of the Association shall be:

To forward the interests of the farmers in any honorable and legitimate way.

(a) To promote the interests of its members by suggesting suitable legislation and to make appropriate representations to the Legislature or to Parliament in order that such suggestions may be reflected in legislation.

(b) To promote co-operative buying and selling among its members and to carry on and exercise any power of trade or business as the Association may deem advisable within the limits of the authority conferred on it by the Act of Incorporation or any amendments thereto.

(c) To affiliate with any organization in Canada having similar objects.

(d) To do all or any of the above things as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise and by or through trustees, agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others.

(e) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

Sec. 2.—The Association shall be non-sectarian.

ARTICLE II.

Membership and Fees

Sec. 1.—All persons who are members of the Association under and by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Incorporation thereof shall be the charter members thereof.

Sec. 2.—Any other person may become a member of the Association upon being accepted into membership of any Local Lodge thereof.

Sec. 3.—All applications for membership shall be in writing in such form as shall from time to time be determined by the Board, shall be signed by the applicant and approved of by two members of the Local Lodge to which application is made.

Sec. 4.—No application for membership shall be accepted unless the applicant operates or is the wife or husband, relative of, or son or daughter of one who operates a cultivated farm or ranch, or is a retired farmer, man or woman, or farmer's wife or widow not engaged in any other business. A son or daughter to be eligible for membership must be over sixteen years of age and must actually reside on the farm or ranch at date of application for membership. A relative to be eligible must actually reside on the farm or ranch at the date of application.

Sec. 5.—The annual membership fee of this organization shall be a family membership fee of \$2.00, which will entitle husband, wife and children under sixteen years of age to all privileges set out in the Constitution and By-laws. The membership fee for those between the age of 16 and 21 years shall be \$1.00 and the membership fee for all other members shall be \$2.00. All membership fees shall become due and payable the first day of the

financial year and remittances to Central Office of fees in the hands of local secretaries shall be made at least once every three months. Local-Lodges shall find their own means wherewith to finance local activities, and shall have power by vote of majority of the members present at a regularly called meeting to make such assessments as may be required for local purposes. Voting age of members shall be 16 years and over.

Sec. 6.—Each application for membership shall be voted on by the members of the Local-Lodge to which such application is made. Such vote shall be by ballot and it shall require at least three-fourths of the votes cast to carry a motion to admit the applicant to membership, and prior to admission such applicant shall subscribe to the obligation in the form prescribed by the Board.

Sec. 7.—Any member of a Local-Lodge may be expelled from membership by a resolution carried by two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Local-Lodge provided that written notice of motion has been given at a previous meeting and mailed by registered mail to such member at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting at which such motion shall be heard.

Sec. 8.—Any member so expelled may appeal to the Board of Directors, which Board shall investigate the causes of such expulsion, and confirm such expulsion or reinstate such member, subject to such conditions as the Board may impose.

1934 Convention Amendment Sect. 9

Article 2 as follows:—"It shall be the responsibility of the lodge

Secretary to collect all membership dues, and a member shall not be deemed in good standing after one year.

When a member is in arrears two years the local-lodge Secretary shall notify central office of cancellation of such delinquent members from local-lodge records. The responsibility of unattached members shall rest with central office. In the event of inability to pay dues through crop failures, the local-lodge Secretary shall notify Central Office and the matter shall then be dealt with by the Executive.

pedient for organizing Junior Local-Lodges.

Sec. 2.—The annual membership fee for membership in Junior Local-Lodges shall be 10 cents payable to Central Office, secretary to remit fees at least once every three months. Junior Local-Lodge shall have power to make such levy on the membership as may be decided upon by a majority of members at regularly called meetings as will be found necessary to finance local activities. Members of Junior Lodges between the ages of 16 and 21 years may obtain membership in the Senior Lodge upon payment of a fee of 25 cents.

Sec. 3.—All juniors in rural districts may become members of a Junior lodge regardless of their occupation.

Sec. 5.—A Junior Assembly shall be held once a year at the University of Saskatchewan where a Junior President, Vice-President and Junior Executive shall be elected.

ARTICLE III.

Conventions of the Association

Sec. 1.—It shall not be necessary to convene all the members of the Association in one meeting. At least once a year and at such other times as the Board or the Executive may decide a Convention of the officers of the Association and delegates elected as hereinafter provided shall be held. The Convention shall have full power and authority to exercise all the powers of and to govern the Association. The said delegates and officers shall be styled the Central Association or "The Central."

Sec. 2.—Only members of the Association in actual residence on a farm or ranch shall be eligible to act as delegates to the Central Association.

Sec. 3.—The Annual Convention shall be held at such date and place as may be decided by the previous annual convention, and in the event of no time or place being decided by such convention then at such time and such place as the Executive may decide.

Sec. 4.—The Annual Convention shall elect a President and a Vice-President from among its members. The Annual Convention shall elect a President of the Women's Section and two women Directors from the members present and these three shall be members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5.—Other conventions may be called by the Board for the transaction of special business at such time and place as the Board may decide.

Sec. 6.—Conventions shall be called by written notice mailed to each local secretary under the name and address recorded in the books of the Association at least three weeks prior to such meeting, stating the time and place thereof. Notice of special convention shall state the special business to be considered thereat.

Sec. 7.—The financial year of the Association shall end May 15th of each year.

Sec. 8.—The Executive shall meet prior to the convention to deal with resolutions intended to be submitted to the Annual Convention and it shall have power to recommend that priority be given in the Convention to resolutions they deem advisable. Only such resolutions, however, as come from Annual District Conventions, Farm Women's Week and the Board of Directors shall be dealt with by the Annual Convention, unless two-thirds of the delegates vote in favor of considering any other resolution.

Sec. 9.—The railway fares of all delegates to the Central Convention from points represented shall be pooled and each Local-Lodge shall be responsible for any shortage incurred by the failure of its delegate or delegates to pay their allotted portion of the Pool. In the case of delegates travelling to and from the

Convention by automobile they shall be dealt with on the same basis as though they had travelled to and from the Convention by railway from the railway station nearest to their place of residence.

Sec. 10.—Delegates to the Convention and visiting members requiring registration shall pay a registration fee of One Dollar to assist in defraying the expenses of the Convention.

Sec. 11.—The Central Convention shall be called to order by the President and the Convention shall then appoint a Convention chairman and credential committee, which committee shall examine and report on all credentials presented, and such Convention shall further appoint a resolution committee and such other committees as it may deem necessary for the more effective conduct of the business of the Convention.

Sec. 12.—The Central Convention shall appoint an auditor to make an audit of the books of the Association at least twice yearly, to be submitted at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 13.—Members of the Board of Directors and Convention—appointed standing committees need not be delegates to obtain their credentials to the next succeeding Convention, and members of the Board shall have the full privileges of the Convention including the right to vote.

Sec. 14.—Only members of the Association shall be permitted to be in attendance at any Convention of the Association unless the Convention by a majority vote otherwise decide.

Sec. 15.—The Annual Convention may elect an Honorary President, who shall not receive remuneration, but shall possess the privileges usual to such office. The Honorary President shall hold such office during the pleasure of the Convention.

Sect. 16 - 1934 Convention Amended
constitution by striking
out Section 16 & 17 of
Article 3.

Sec. 17.—The Independent Labor Party in all Constituencies shall be invited to send two representatives of their organization to attend the Annual Convention of the U.F.C. on the date when the Political Program is up for revision.

ARTICLE IV.

District Meetings

Sec. 1.—The Board shall divide the Province of Saskatchewan into sixteen districts with power to alter the boundaries thereof from time to time, and with due regard to the number of members in each district. Members of the Association resident outside the Province of Saskatchewan shall be attached to such district or districts as the Board may determine.

Sec. 2.—Each district shall hold an annual district meeting prior to the Central Convention at such time and place as the district executive may decide, subject to the provisions of Article IV., Sec. 4, such annual district meeting to be made up of delegates duly elected thereto as provided for in Article X., Sec. 11-A. hereof, and the District Executive, District Director and such members of the Central Executive as may be in attendance.

Sec. 3.—Each District Annual Meeting shall elect by ballot from among the members of the Association resident on a farm or ranch within the district a Director and alternate Director of the Association for such district for the ensuing year. For the purpose of this by-law "year" shall mean from immediately after the Annual Convention following the election of the Director until immediately after the Annual Convention next succeeding.

Sec. 4.—The said Annual District Meeting shall be called by written notice mailed to each Local Secretary at the address recorded in the books of the Association, by the District Secretary at least three weeks prior to such meeting stating the time and place thereof and such meeting shall be convened at least

five weeks prior to the Central Convention and shall be composed of delegates as provided for in Article IV., Sec. 2, and Article X., Sec. 11-A hereof.

Sec. 5.—In addition to the election of a District Director and Alternate Director the Annual District Meeting shall elect by ballot from among the members of the Association resident on a farm or ranch within the district ten members, one from each sub-district, who together with the Director shall be the District Executive, who shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected, and who shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, who may or may not be a member of the Executive and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive. From among the eleven members of the executive the Annual District Meeting shall elect by ballot a District Chairman.

Only members of the Association shall be permitted to be in attendance at any business meeting of a Local Council, District Council or District Executive and district meeting and all business must be transacted behind closed doors.

Sec. 6.—A quorum at a district convention shall consist of delegates representing not less than ten local lodges.

Sec. 7.—The Secretary of the District shall forthwith after such Annual District Meeting transmit to the Secretary of the Association a copy of the minutes and proceedings of such Annual District Meeting and the names of the delegates in attendance at the Annual District Meeting, the Director and alternative Director for such District, together with the names of the District Executive and District Chairman, signed by the Chairman and certified correct by the Secretary.

Sec. 8.—The Annual District Meeting shall appoint an auditor for the district for the succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV.-A

Local and District Councils

Sec. 1.—Local Councils shall consist of two delegates each from four or more Local-Lodges, save and except when decided otherwise by the District Executive, and shall have the following officials: A Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and such committees as the Local Council may deem necessary. The Local Council shall meet at such time and place as may be decided by the delegates attending the said Local Council.

Sec. 2.—The District Council shall be composed of two delegates from each Local Council in the District, together with the District Executive and District Director. The District Council shall meet once in March and once in November.

Sec. 3.—The District Executive elected at the Annual District Meeting shall be the officials of the District Council.

Sec. 4.—The duties of the Local Council shall be to consider and co-ordinate all resolutions, proposed legislation and business of the Local-Lodges entitled to representation in the Local Council, and to pass on to the District Council such matters as it deems expedient.

Sec. 5.—The duties of the District Council shall be to consider such business as is passed on to it by the Local Councils in order that it may be placed on the agenda for the Central Annual Convention and to act in an advisory capacity to the District Executive in arranging the activities of the Association within the district.

Sec. 6.—The duties of the District Secretary-Treasurer shall be to attend all meetings of the District Council and District Executive, and to attend the annual District Meeting, and to keep correct minutes of the meetings. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of the correspondence of the District Council and the District Executive relating to all matters aforesaid.

He shall cause the Treasurer's statement of the district's financial position to be presented to the Annual District Meeting. He shall perform all such other duties as the District Executive and Central Executive may determine. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to the District Council, and shall be responsible for the deposit thereof in whatever bank the District Executive may designate, and shall keep a proper account of the funds of the District, and duly enter a record thereof in such books as the District Executive may direct, and shall upon request present a complete detailed account of receipts and expenditures to the District Executive, and shall prepare for submission to the Annual District Meeting, a statement duly audited by the Auditor of the district showing the financial position of the district, and shall submit a copy of same to the Central Secretary. He shall perform such other duties as the District Executive may determine.

Sec. 7.—The District Secretary-Treasurer shall enter into a bond at the expense of the District.

Sec. 8.—The District Executive shall fix the remuneration of the District Secretary-Treasurer.

Sec. 9.—The term of office of Local and District Councils, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these By-laws, shall be as follows: Delegates to Local or District Councils or members of Local or District Council Executives, shall be elected for one year only, but may serve for three consecutive terms.

(N.B.)—Although not expressly provided by Article IV.-A, the attention of Local-Lodges is called to the necessity of having a fair representation of both men and women members on all Local and District Councils.

ARTICLE V.

Officers

Sec. 1.—At the first Meeting of the Executive in each year the Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer and such further or other Officers as the Executive deems necessary for the proper carrying on of the business of the Association may be appointed.

Sec. 2.—All elected officers shall serve for the ensuing year and until the election of their respective successors. All candidates for elective office except District Directors elected under the provision of Section 3 of Article 4 shall be nominated in open convention. All elections shall be by the preferential ballot unless otherwise decided by the Convention. Each elected officer before taking office shall sign a declaration to faithfully discharge the duties of his office and to loyally support and further the interests of the Association.

Sec. 3.—The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees. He shall also submit or cause to be submitted to the Annual Convention of the Association the Director's Report of the affairs of the Association. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Central Board and Executive. In case of the absence of the President or his inability to act his duties shall be discharged by the Vice-President and in the event of the office of President becoming vacant from any cause the Vice-President shall be President until the next Convention. And in the event of the office of President of the Women's Section becoming vacant from any cause the remaining members of the Board, by majority vote, shall elect one of the women Directors who is a member of the Board to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.

Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all the meetings of the Association, Board of Directors and the Executive and keep correct minutes of the same.

Sec. 5.—The Secretary shall have charge of

the correspondence of the Association relating to all matters as aforesaid. He shall cause the Treasurer's Statement of the Association's financial position to be presented to the Annual Convention. He shall perform all such other duties as the Board or the Executive may determine.

Sec. 6.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to the Association and shall be responsible for the deposit thereof in whatever Bank the Executive may direct. He shall keep a proper account of the funds of the Association and duly enter a record thereof in such books as the Executive may direct. He shall upon request present a complete detailed account of receipts and expenditures to the Board, the Executive and the President, and shall prepare for submission to the Annual Convention a statement duly audited by the auditor of the Association showing the financial position of the Association, and he shall submit a copy of the same to the Secretary. He shall perform such other and further duties as the Executive may from time to time determine.

Sec. 7.—The Secretary, the Treasurer and such other officers as the Executive may determine shall enter into a bond at the expense of the Association for due and proper fulfillment of the duties incident to such office in such amount and upon such terms as the Executive shall approve.

Sec. 8.—No elected officer of this Association shall hold the same office in the Association continuously for more than three years.

ARTICLE VI.

Directors

Sec. 1.—The Board of Directors named in the Act of Incorporation shall be the first Board of Directors of the Association and thereafter the Board shall consist of the President and Vice-President for the time being,

one Director elected from each District as hereinbefore provided, and three women Directors nominated by the Annual Convention.

Sec. 2.—A meeting of the Board may be called at any time by the President, the Executive or a majority of the members of the Board by mailing to each member thereof by registered mail at least two weeks prior thereto a notice stating the time and place thereof.

Sec. 3.—Twelve members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4.—Should any vacancy occur on the Board, the alternative for that office shall take his place, and where no alternative is available, the vacancy shall be filled, for the unexpired portion of the term, by a majority vote of the District Executive, and should the office of a woman Director become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board from the Women's Section.

Sub-Sec. (a) Sec. 4.—When a director is ill or unable to attend a Board meeting or to his duties as Director, the alternate Director for the District shall take his place until he is able to again take up his duties as a Director.

Sec. 5.—No elected officer of the Association shall while occupying such position be a Director or Officer of any organization in which his duties, in the opinion of the remaining members of the Board, might be in conflict with his duties as a Director of this Association.

Sec. 6.—A member of the Board of Directors must at all times maintain his credentials from his District to the Convention and his membership in a Local-Lodge of the Association, and should a member of the Board of Directors for any reason cease to be a member in good standing of his Local-Lodge he shall automatically cease to be a member of the Board of Directors without further action on the part of the Board.

Sec. 7.—The Board of Directors may on application of any person aggrieved review the

causes of any cancellation of membership in a Local-Lodge and on an affirmative vote representing at least two-thirds of the full membership of the Board reinstate such person as a member thereof.

Sec. 8.—The Office of a President, a Vice-President, or a Director shall ipso facto be vacated.

- (a) If he is found lunatic or becomes of unsound mind.
- (b) If he ceases to be a member in good standing of the Local-Lodge.
- (c) If by notice in writing he resigns his office.
- (d) If he is requested to resign by an affirmative vote representing at least four-fifths of the full membership of the Board.
- (e) If he becomes or is found to be a Director
- (f) "Or upon election to the Provincial Legislature or the Federal Parliament."

tion in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Association and its membership, and may make rules and regulations for the proper management of the Association's affairs and business, not inconsistent with the Act of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-laws; and may, from time to time, alter or repeal such rules and regulations; and may, from time to time, delegate such powers and duties to the Executive, Local Boards or Committees as it may deem advisable.

Sec. 10.—The Board of Directors shall appoint and fix the remuneration of the Secretary and Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer, who shall not be directors, and such other officials or officers as in its opinion may be necessary, and delegate to each such duties and powers as it may see fit.

Sec. 11.—The Board of Directors shall fix the remuneration of the President of the Board, members of the Executive, and members of the Committees appointed under Section 9 of this Article.

ARTICLE VII.

The Executive

Sec. 1.—The executive of the Association shall consist of the President, the Vice-President of the Association, the President of the Women's Section thereof and four other members to be elected by the Board from among themselves.

Sec. 2.—Meetings of the Executive shall be held as often as the business of the Association shall require and shall be called by the President.

Sec. 3.—A special meeting of the Executive may be called at the instance of any two members thereof by written request to the President stating the business for which they desire to have the Executive convened.

Sec. 4.—Any four members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Executive and a majority vote of the members present shall decide all questions.

Sec. 5.—Any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee may be filled from the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term by the majority vote of the remaining members.

Sec. 6.—The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Executive, and the general management of the business and property of the Association shall be vested in the Executive, subject to the policy, rules and regulations laid down for its guidance by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 7.—The Executive may on behalf of the Association exercise the powers conferred upon the Association by its Act of Incorporation and any amendments thereto and may affix the corporate seal of the corporation to any document under the hands of any two of its members or any other officer or officers who may from time to time be designated for such purpose.

Sec. 8.—No person, firm or body corporate dealing or contracting with the Association in

good faith shall in any way be bound to enquire into the authority or extent of authority conferred upon the Executive and any act, matter or thing done by the Executive on behalf of the Association or obligation incurred by the Executive for the Association to any person, firm or corporation acting in good faith shall be deemed to fully and effectually bind the Association.

Sec. 9.—The Executive may appoint fraternal delegates to attend any Convention of any Association of organized farmers having objects in whole or in part similar to the objects of this Association, but such fraternal delegate must be a member in good standing of the Association.

Sec. 10.—The Executive may for what in its opinion is sufficient cause, including non-payment of fees due the Central, suspend any Local-Lodge, and such Lodge shall thereupon cease to operate or be entitled to any representation at any Convention or district meeting of the Association until reinstated. Such suspension shall be immediately reported to the Local-Lodge in question which may within thirty days from the date of such notice appeal to the Board of Directors. The Board shall thereupon make such investigation as it sees fit and may either reinstate or cancel the warrant of such Local-Lodge. During the period of such suspension and after cancellation of the warrant all fees, and records of such Local-Lodge shall be and become the property of the Association. Nothing in this section, however, shall prevent the establishment of a Local-Lodge in such locality at any time subsequent to such cancellation of warrant.

Sec. 11.—The Executive Board may establish Local-Lodges in any part of Saskatchewan they deem advisable and draft rules and forms for the organization and conduct thereof, define the powers and duties of such Local-Lodges not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

Sec. 12.—The Executive Board may appoint and engage organizers and other employees

(except those provided for in Sections 9 and 10 of Article VI.) and fix remuneration of such organizers and employees and pay such remuneration out of the funds of the Association, and shall define the duties and relationship to the Executive of such organizers and employees.

Sec. 13.—That the Executive may establish such Local or District Councils as it may deem advisable, and draft such forms and regulations not inconsistent with these By-laws for the conduct thereof as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 14.—The Executive shall delegate such powers to and vest such powers in the Local and District Councils as it may deem fit, not inconsistent with these By-laws or with the Act of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VIII.

Women's Section

Sec. 1.—Women shall have the same status in the Association as men.

Sec. 2.—It shall be competent for any five or more women who are members of a Local-Lodge to form themselves into a Woman's Section thereof, such Section when formed to be termed a Women's Section of the Local-Lodge and shall be governed by these By-laws.

Sec. 3.—At the Annual Convention the women delegates may meet in the general meeting or separately as they see fit. In separate meeting they may discuss any question or matter not inconsistent with the objects of the Association as set forth in Article I. hereof, but it shall not be competent for them to petition Parliament or the Legislature on any matter independently of the Central.

Sec. 4.—The women members of the Association shall be called the Women's Section.

ARTICLE IX.

Life Members

Sec. 1.—Life Members of the Association who become charter members thereof by virtue

of the Act of Incorporation shall have the same relative status and all rights and privileges in the Association as life members had in the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association Limited immediately prior to the coming into effect of the Act of Incorporation hereof, and in particular in case the Local-Lodge in any District disorganizes or fails to appoint delegates to the Annual Convention the life members residing in the district may appoint delegates in such manner as the Executive shall from time to time direct, and if all the Local-Lodges disorganize the life members shall be organized by the direction of the Executive for the appointment of Delegates and the carrying on of the objects of the Association.

Sec. 2.—Any life member will be accepted into membership of a Local-Lodge of the Association on the same basis as ordinary members are accepted and must comply with the same rules and qualifications with the exception of the payment of any fees to the Central Office of the Association.

Sec. 3.—The Executive shall appoint a Board of Trustees consisting of three life members to be known as the life membership trustees who shall have custody of the trust fund or securities in which trust funds have been invested derived from life membership funds held or acquired by the Association.

ARTICLE X.

Local-Lodges

Sec. 1.—Any eight or more persons residing in the same locality and qualified for membership in the Association may request the Executive to constitute a Local-Lodge of the Association for the said locality.

Sec. 2.—Every Local-Lodge when constituted shall have a distinctive name and number approved of and allotted to it by the Executive, and shall receive a warrant of authority from the Board of Directors under the hands of the President and Secretary and the Seal of

the Association.

Sec. 3.—Membership receipts shall be issued by the Local Secretary to any member in good standing and such receipts shall state the name and number of the Local-Lodge to which such member belongs.

Sec. 4.—Any member may upon making application to his Local Secretary and subject to the approval of a majority vote of those present at the meeting of the Local-Lodge to which such member desires to transfer, transfer his membership to another Local-Lodge. Such transfer shall be recorded in the records of both Local-Lodges and on the reverse side of the receipt and from the date of such transfer all dues and assessments payable by such member shall be paid to the Local-Lodge to which he has been transferred.

Sec. 5.—Each Local-Lodge shall hold its Annual Meeting of members not later than April 15th in each year at which the members shall elect a Local President, Vice-President and three additional Directors who shall constitute the Local Board and an Auditor for the Local-Lodge. The officers so appointed shall hold office for the ensuing year and until their successors have been appointed.

Sec. 6.—Additional Meetings of the Local-Lodge shall be held at the call of the President, the Secretary or a majority of the Directors thereof.

Sec. 7.—Notice shall be given of the Annual or any Special Meeting of the Local-Lodge or Local Board by mailing a Notice stating the time and place thereof to each member at least ten days previous to the meeting.

Sec. 8.—A special meeting of the Local-Lodge shall be held at any time upon a written request signed by at least one-quarter of the members thereof.

Sec. 9.—Each Local-Lodge shall appoint one delegate to represent it at the Central Convention; provided, in addition to such delegate, that where there is a Women's Section of any Local-Lodge formed as provided in Section 2,

Article VIII., such Women's Section shall appoint one delegate to represent such Women's Section at the Central Convention.

Sec. 9a.—Each Local-Lodge shall appoint delegates to represent it at the District meeting. Such representation shall be on the basis of one delegate to each ten members or major portion thereof. For the purpose of computing the number of delegates to which any Local-Lodge is entitled, the basis for the District meeting shall be the number of members as appears by the records of such Local-Lodge thirty days prior to the meeting.

Sec. 10.—A delegate must be a member of the Local-Lodge appointing him and must actually reside on a farm or ranch within his district.

Sec. 11.—The Local Board shall meet as soon as possible after the annual meeting and appoint a Secretary-Treasurer and such other officers as may be deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Local-Lodge in conformity with the By-laws of the Association and to ensure that no person shall be present at any business meeting thereof except those entitled under the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws. All officers so appointed shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

Sec. 12.—It shall be the duty of the Local Secretary to attend all meetings of the Local-Lodge and the Local Board, to keep correct minutes of the proceedings thereat, to conduct all correspondence, issue all reports and prepare for publication the annual report.

Sec. 13.—In his capacity of Treasurer he shall account for all moneys received by the Local-Lodge, pay all bills and accounts that have been approved by the Local Board. Before entering upon his duties he shall enter into a bond for the due and faithful fulfilment thereof in such an amount and upon such terms as the Local Board shall from time to time determine.

Sec. 14.—The President, and in his absence,

the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Local-Lodge and the Local Board thereof.

Sec. 15.—Only members of the Association shall be permitted to be in attendance at any business meeting of a Local-Lodge, and all business must be transacted behind closed doors.

Sec. 16.—The Local-Lodge government and procedure thereof shall be as from time to time provided by the Board of Directors, subject to confirmation by the Annual Convention.

Section 17.—Where the members of a Local-Lodge reside in two or more districts, as established under the provisions of Section 1 of Article 4, of these By-laws, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members voting at a meeting duly called for the purpose, decide to attach such Local-Lodge to one of the said Districts, then, on a copy of such resolution being received by the Central Secretary, from the Secretary of such Local-Lodge, for all purposes whatsoever, the said Local-Lodge shall be deemed to be part of such District and the members of such Local-Lodge shall be deemed to be resident therein. Provided, however, that in the event of the members of a Local Lodge not being able to decide as to which district the Local-Lodge shall be attached then the Board of Directors shall have the power to so decide.

Sec. 18.—If members of a Lodge should desire to disband a meeting of all members must be called by notifying members in writing setting out clearly the purpose of such meeting. The Secretary shall present a financial statement of the affairs of the Lodge. All outstanding accounts must be paid and if any funds are on hand after all just obligations have been met, such funds are the property of the Local-Lodge members and may be disposed of by the meeting as the members may decide. After all financial matters have been

properly dealt with a motion to disband is in order. If such motion is carried Central Office shall be notified and shall be given a copy of the motion.

ARTICLE XI.

Procedure at Meetings

Sec. 1.—The President of the Association or in his absence the Vice-President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings except the Annual Convention but shall be eligible for election as chairman by the Convention.

Sec. 2.—He shall have but one vote on any question and in the event of an equality of votes shall declare the motion lost.

Sec. 3.—Delegates to the Central Convention or to a District Meeting shall present to the Secretary thereof in such form as shall be decided by the Executive, credentials duly signed by the Local Secretary before being permitted to take part in the business of the meeting.

Sec. 4.—At the Annual District Meetings the chairman for the meeting shall be elected by the delegates.

Sec. 5.—A majority vote shall decide all questions, except where otherwise provided hereunder.

ARTICLE XII.

Amendments to By-laws

Sec. 1.—Amendments or additions to, alterations or repeals of the By-laws may be made at any Convention of the Association in the manner following:

(a) Notice of motion shall be given in the Convention at least one day previous to that on which the final vote is taken, unless the Convention by a two-thirds vote dispenses with such notice of motion.

(b) A vote of not less than two-thirds of the members voting shall be required to carry any motion to amend, add to, alter or repeal the By-law.

(c) When such motion has been carried as

above provided, such amendment, addition, alteration or motion to repeal shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the Local-Lodges within 60 days from the date of the approval thereof by the Convention, unless such Convention extend such time of submission and upon receiving the approval of two-thirds of the Local-Lodges voting thereon, shall become a part of, or be struck out of, these By-laws as the case may be. Such referendum vote shall be returned to the Secretary by the Local-Lodge Secretary within thirty days from the date such motion is mailed to the Local-Lodge Secretary.

Sec. 2.—Any Local-Lodge desiring to introduce at a Convention a resolution to amend the By-laws may submit a draft thereof to the Central Secretary, thirty days prior to the date of such meeting, and the Secretary shall, if deemed advisable by the Executive, communicate the same by letter to each Local Secretary.

Sec. 3.—(a) In addition to the method of amending the By-laws and Constitution hereinbefore provided for, the members of the Board of Directors shall be, and they are hereby appointed and elected as a Committee or Board of this Association for the purpose of, from time to time and pursuant to, and in accordance with, the general instructions and directions of any Central Convention, making By-laws for the governing of this Association, and amending, altering, repealing or adding to, the same, or any existing By-laws of this Association, and with full power and authority to so make, amend, alter, repeal and add to, such By-laws or existing By-laws.

Providing, however, that a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members voting shall be required to carry any motion giving the said general instructions and directions to the Board of Directors to make By-laws, amend, alter, repeal or add to the same or any existing By-laws of the Association as aforesaid.

(b) When such By-law has been so made, or any such existing By-laws have been so amended, altered, repealed, or added to, such By-law, amendment, alteration, repeal, or addition shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the Local-Lodges within thirty days from such making, altering, amending, repealing or adding to, by the said Board of Directors, unless such Board of Directors extend such time of submission and upon receiving the approval of two-thirds of the Local-Lodges voting thereon, shall become a part of, or be struck out of, these By-laws as the case may be. Such referendum vote shall be returned to the Secretary by the Local-Lodge Secretary within sixty days from the date such motion is mailed to the Local-Lodge Secretary.

Form of Local-Lodge Order and Procedure

The business of the Local-Lodge shall be conducted by the following officials: President, Vice-President, Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer, Conductor or Conductors, a Board of Directors, and such Committees as the Lodge may deem necessary.

The gavel (if used) shall in the hands of the presiding officer be the emblem of authority and command respect at all times.

One rap (.) calls the Lodge to order or seats the members if standing.

Two raps (...) calls the Officers to rise.

Three raps (...) calls the whole Lodge to rise.

The President at the appointed time of meeting will order the Guard to close the door, and call the meeting to order by one rap of the gavel, if used.

The Conductor having first given his password to the President will collect it from the members present, and report to the Chair. Any member in good standing, not having the password, will advance and receive it from the President.

The President will then rise and say: "As members of the U.F. of C. I welcome you to this meeting. May our business discussions have in them that element of common-sense which promotes clearness, accuracy and despatch, and our deliberations and debates be characterized by justice and human sympathy."

Two raps with the gavel and the officers rise. When deemed necessary the President will then ask, "Guard, what are your duties?" Answer: "To guard the entrance to this Local-Lodge, so that business may be carried on behind closed doors in accordance with our Consitution."

"Conductor, what are your duties?"

Answer: "To collect the password and report to the Chair any one present unable to give it; to bring before you from the ante-room those who have applied for membership and been accepted, and are ready for initiation."

"Secretary-Treasurer, what are your duties?"

Answer: "To record in a Minute Book the proceedings of this Local-Lodge; to keep its accounts and transact its business in accordance with its Constitution and By-laws."

"Vice-President, what are your duties?"

Answer: "In your absence to preside over the deliberations of this Local-Lodge, and to take the Chair at your request should you wish to participate in debate or for other sufficient reason."

The President: "I now declare this meeting open for the transaction of business."

"Secretary-Treasurer, have you any applications for membership?"

The names given, the vote taken, those accepted and in waiting are taken in charge by the Conductor and brought before the President. Three raps of the gavel, and the members rise. The President gives the obligation, and the applicants follow in repetition.

Obligation: "I,, pledge myself to be governed by the Constitution and By-laws of this Association; to further in every legitimate way its aims and objectives, and to make duty, justice and human sympathy the guiding principles in dealing with my fellow members."

President: "I now declare you fully qualified members of the U. F. of C., capable of participation in its many activities for the common good. You also are assuming an individual responsibility embodying the fundamental co-operative principle, each for all, and all for each."

Initiation being over the President will enquire if there be any visiting members. If so, they shall be asked to rise, give their name, and number of the Lodge to which they belong. The President shall bid them welcome in a few befitting words.

One rap seats the members.

Order of Business

1. Dealing with application for membership and initiation.
2. Minutes of previous meeting and business arising therefrom.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Communications from Central Secretary and action thereon.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Good and Welfare.
8. Date of next meeting, time and place.
9. Motion to adjourn.

The President will rise and say, "I thank you for your presence here today. Allow me to impress upon each and all the necessity of spending some time in studying how best to carry out our aims and objectives, that we may, by co-operative endeavor, make life better, fuller, happier, and nobler for all who labor on the land." Or words to this effect.

Strict order must be observed while business is being conducted.

Installation of Officers

The members elected shall be requested to come before the presiding officer and stand while he makes the following remarks:

"The responsibility to serve this Local-Lodge and the organization of which it is a part, has been placed upon you. Your duties are to help further all co-operative endeavor at home and abroad, to be governed by the Constitution, and to make duty, justice and human sympathy the guiding principles in dealing with your fellow-men. As I know you appreciate the honor to serve, I take great pleasure in declaring you officers of this Local-Lodge. Be loyal and faithful in performance of your accepted duties and a credit to your community and the organization."

Judalism
 Slavery
 Capitalism

The members elected shall be responsible to serve the lodge and the organization of which it is a part. You have placed upon your shoulders the duty to help further all co-operative endeavor at home and abroad, to be governed by the Constitution, and to make duty, justice and human sympathy the guiding principles in dealing with your fellow-men. As I know you appreciate the honor to serve, I take great pleasure in dedicating you officers of this local lodge. Remembered faithful in performance of your accepted duties and a credit to your community and the organization.

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Leander P. Pres.
 Hope V. P. Sec.
 Campbell Sec.
 Carter Treas.